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BY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS
AFFAIRS

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3178)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate March 3, 2014)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the home ownership assistance program for
2 military members.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 16.54, subsections 1 and 3, Code 2014,
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 1. For the purposes of this section, *"eligible member of the*
4 *armed forces of the United States"* or "eligible service member"
5 means a person who is or was, if discharged under honorable
6 conditions, a member of the national guard, or a reserve, or
7 regular component of the armed forces of the United States,
8 who has served at least ninety days of active duty service
9 beginning on or after September 11, 2001, or during the period
10 of the Persian Gulf Conflict, beginning August 2, 1990, and
11 ending April 6, 1991. *"Eligible member of the armed forces of*
12 *the United States"* or "eligible service member" also means a
13 former member of the national guard, or a reserve, or regular
14 component of the armed forces of the United States, who was
15 honorably discharged due to injuries incurred while on federal
16 active duty beginning on or after September 11, 2001, or during
17 the period of the Persian Gulf Conflict, beginning August 2,
18 1990, and ending April 6, 1991, that precluded completion of a
19 minimum aggregate of ninety days of federal active duty.

20 3. The program shall be administered by the authority and
21 shall provide loans, grants, or other assistance to ~~persons~~
22 ~~who are or were eligible~~ service ~~members of the armed forces~~
23 ~~of the United States.~~ In the event an eligible service member
24 is deceased, the surviving spouse of the eligible member shall
25 be eligible for assistance under the program, subject to the
26 surviving spouse meeting the program's eligibility requirements
27 other than the military service requirement. In addition,
28 a person eligible for the program under this section may
29 participate in other loan and grant programs of the authority,
30 provided the person meets the requirements of those programs.

31 Sec. 2. Section 16.54, subsection 4, paragraphs a and b,
32 Code 2014, are amended to read as follows:

33 a. The person eligible for the program shall, for financed
34 home purchases that close on or after July 1, 2008, use a
35 lender that participates in the authority's ~~applicable~~ first

1 mortgage financing programs for homebuyers or a lender approved
2 by the authority under subsection 5.

3 b. (1) For financed home purchases that close on or
4 after July 1, 2008, the eligible person shall participate,
5 if eligible to participate, in one of the authority's other
6 applicable first mortgage financing programs for homebuyers.
7 However

8 (2) Notwithstanding subparagraph (1), a person an eligible
9 service member who qualifies for one of the authority's other
10 applicable first mortgage financing programs for homebuyers
11 may use a lender that does not participate in the authority's
12 first mortgage financing programs for homebuyers if such lender
13 is approved by the authority under subsection 5. For financed
14 home purchases that close on or after July 1, 2014, an eligible
15 service member who qualifies for one of the authority's first
16 mortgage financing programs may accept financing other than
17 that available under the authority's first mortgage financing
18 programs for homebuyers if all of the following apply:

19 (a) The financing is offered by a lender that participates
20 in one of the authority's first mortgage financing programs for
21 homebuyers or by a lender approved pursuant to subsection 5.

22 (b) The authority determines that the offered financing
23 would be economically feasible and financially advantageous for
24 the eligible service member.